

REMARKS

Claims 34 and 37 are amended. Claim 41 is new. Claims 34, 37-38 and 41 are currently pending.

§ 102(b) Rejection

Claims 34, 37 and 39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,065,041 to Lum et al. (hereinafter “Lum”). The Applicant performed a telephone interview with the Examiner as described in the co-filed Interview Summary, in which, agreement was reached that the amendments were likely to overcome the rejection.

Claim 34 has been amended, and as amended (portions of the amendment appear in bold/italics below) recites one or more computer storage media containing instructions that, when included in an application executed by an embedded computing system provide and manage a generic interface between a generic data source local to the computing system and a displayed list of items from the generic data source, a configuration and an appearance of the displayed list being determined by selections from an original equipment manufacturer (OEM) graphical user interface (GUI) software *that instantiates a preconfigured list manager that is executable to* perform the following steps:

- receiving the selections from the OEM GUI software to determine the configuration and the appearance of the displayed list;
- accessing the generic data source that contains one or more of the items;

- populating the displayed list with the items from the generic data source according to one or more scrolling events received;
- wherein the OEM GUI software is configured independently of the one or more media; and
- wherein the instructions are executable on different computing platforms and in different applications to provide the displayed list.

Support for the amendment may be found throughout the specification and drawings as filed, examples of which may be found on pages 8 and 14 of the subject Application. It is respectfully submitted that Lum does not disclose these features.

Claim 37 has been amended, and as amended (portions of the amendment appear in bold/*italics* below) recites an embedded computer system, comprising:

- a computer processor;
- a display communicatively coupled with the computer processor;
- a memory communicatively coupled with the computer processor, wherein the memory is capable of storing:
 - an original equipment manufacturer (OEM)-selected application to be executed by the computer processor;
 - a data source locally accessible to the OEM-selected application; and
 - an OEM-provided software that selects a configuration and an appearance of a list of data items from the data source to be presented on the display, ***wherein the OEM-provided software instantiates a preconfigured*** list manager ***to:***
 - ***act as*** an interface between the data source and the list;
 - receive the configuration and the appearance from the OEM-provided software, access the data source, and populate the list of data items according to the configuration and the appearance; and
 - is capable of residing on various systems using various computing platforms and wherein the list manager is capable of being added to various applications.

Support for the amendment may be found throughout the specification and drawings as filed, examples of which may be found on pages 8 and 14 of the

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Claim 38 depends directly from claim 37 and is allowable as depending from an allowable base claim and is allowable based on the same rationale discussed with respect to claim 37. This claim is also allowable for its own recited features which, in combination with those recited in claim 37, are neither shown nor suggested in the references of record, either singly or in combination with one another. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 41 is new and recites a method comprising:

- instantiating a list manager, by an original equipment manufacturer (OEM)-selected application, that is capable of residing on various systems using various computing platforms; and
- configuring a display of a list by the list manager by:
 - receiving configuration and appearance of the list from the OEM-selected application;
 - accessing a generic data source to obtain items for inclusion in the list; and
 - populating the list using the items according to the configuration and the appearance.

Support for the new claim may be found throughout the specification and drawings as filed, examples of which may be found on pages 8 and 14 of the subject Application and claims 34 and 37. It is respectfully submitted that Lum does not disclose these features.

Conclusion

All of the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests a Notice of Allowability be issued forthwith. If the Office's next anticipated action is to be anything other than issuance of a Notice of Allowability, Applicant respectfully requests a telephone call for the purpose of scheduling an interview.

Respectfully Submitted,

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